

Friday in May of each year as National Defense Transportation Day and by a joint resolution approved May 14, 1962, requested the President to proclaim annually the week of May in which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

76 Stat. 69.
36 USC 166.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 18, 1973, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 13, 1973, as National Transportation Week.

I ask the people of our Nation to join with the Department of Transportation and with appropriate State and local agencies in reaffirming our commitment to a progressive and balanced transportation system for America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4197

National Farm Safety Week

By the President of the United States of America

March 13, 1973

A Proclamation

The unfailing supply of food and fiber provided by the Nation's largest industry, agriculture, has been a foundation of American prosperity since our country's beginnings. Abundance on the farm, in turn, has been stimulated by constant technological progress. But the blessings of technology have sometimes been mixed, as each advance has also brought a new potential for injury.

Each year, many thousands of farm and ranch residents are killed or seriously injured in work, home, recreation and highway mishaps. For the most part, these accidents could be prevented if basic safety precautions were observed.

The dollar cost of rural accidents is high, but there is no higher price than the human suffering. This waste of precious human and economic resources must be reduced and can be reduced. The same energies and talents which have made agriculture so highly productive should also be turned to the task of making it safer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 25, 1973, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all persons engaged in farming and ranching to consider ways in which they can promote safer practices in work, home, and recreational activities, and can exercise greater caution when traveling on public roads. Further, I call upon community leaders, private organizations, and the communications media to assist in providing safety information so that we can be as effective in promoting safety on the farm as we have been in promoting abundance on the farm.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4198

National Action for Foster Children Week, 1973

March 14, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In today's rapidly changing, highly mobile society, more children than ever find themselves temporarily, or even permanently, separated from their parents. Such children may carry lasting emotional scars unless they can be placed in a stable family environment where they can feel loved and secure.

In the past year alone, more than 300,000 American children were living in foster homes. It is gratifying that so many Americans are working to help foster children. They include not only professionals in the child welfare field but hundreds of volunteers—businessmen, church and community leaders, and members of civic groups—all dedicated to the principle that none of our children should be deprived or neglected.

In recognition of these efforts, I am asking the Nation to set aside a week during which we can assess the needs of foster children, encourage States and communities to plan activities which will help meet those needs, and renew our determination to assure foster children that we care about them and their well-being.